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OPTICAL WAVE GUIDES AND PROCESS OF  
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**AFTER-FINAL AMENDMENT  
PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.116**

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Sir:

Entry of the following amendments and consideration of the following remarks in response to the Final Office Action mailed September 21, 2004, is respectfully requested. The two-month response due date, extended to the first day following a weekend due date, is November 22, 2004.

**Requested Amendments to the Claims** begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks** begin on page 7 of this paper.